

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

(Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, today the House will vote on H.R. 3402, the Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act.

I rise today to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SEN-SENRENNER) for their leadership on this bill and to urge my colleagues to support it.

H.R. 3402 contains language from my bill, H.R. 283, the Bullying and Gang Prevention For School Safety and Crime Reduction Act of 2005. By adding this important provision, schools will be able to use Federal dollars to establish gang and bullying prevention programs in their schools and to teach kids not to use e-mail, instant messaging, or cell phones to make threats and insults, a disturbing new behavior known as "cyberbullying."

Studies show that 31 percent of junior high and high school students in urban areas and 21 percent of all students reported that street gangs were present at their schools and more than 3.2 million children are the victims of repeated bullying every year. That is one in every six students.

Bullying and gangs can be eliminated from our schools and H.R. 3402 is a tremendous step in the right direction. I urge all of my colleagues to vote for the bill.

## COMMENDING THE BARRETT FAMILY

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special family in my district. Billy Jack and Anne Barrett and their six children recently experienced a life-changing event. They were chosen to receive a brand new home from the television show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

I was amazed at the amount of work that went into replacing the Barretts' small family 101-year-old farmhouse with a 4,000-square foot two-story home, complete with red school house that Anne Barrett will use to continue home schooling the children.

The Barretts were selected for opening not only their hearts but their home to troubled children. In addition to their own two biological daughters, they adopted four high-risk teens who had been deemed unadoptable. They had seen the potential in these children and decided they would not give up on them as so many had.

The Barretts may not have the financial means or space to undertake their new responsibility; but with Christian

values, love and horses, they have produced a wonderful family. I would like to thank Keller Homes, Extreme Makeover, and the more than 6,000 people who volunteered to make this daunting challenge a reality. I would like to commend the Barrett family for the example that they set for all of us.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT  
REWRITE

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, much of the gulf coast lies in ruins. Iraq is on the verge of a civil war. Government spending has spiraled out of control, leaving structural deficits as far as the eye can see; and we are in the midst of an energy crisis. With these and other challenges mounting, how does the Republican Congress respond? Of course, by gutting the Endangered Species Act.

They are using this time of mounting crises as a way to smuggle their long-held ideological goods through customs, the policies they can never enact because of the public's opposition to them.

This Congress sees an opportunity to reward their special interests by eliminating the backbone of our environmental laws. The Endangered Species Act needs reform and needs to be updated, but we should not throw the baby out with the bath water.

To add insult to injury, while it guts the very successful environmental policies, the bill will actually cost more than the current Endangered Species Act. CBO estimates that the administration costs will more than double. So much for smaller government.

Mr. Speaker, the American people want leadership, they want solutions to challenges confronting this Nation, not wholesale auction of everything we hold dear to the special interests.

When the Speaker's gavel comes down, it is intended to open the people's House, not the auction house.

## SIMPLE SCIENCE

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, the simple, easy answer to any problem or solution is almost always wrong.

Today the simplistic, politically correct explanation for hurricanes Katrina and Rita is global warming. Yet simple, easy science is almost always wrong.

CNN reported a couple of days ago that the biggest, worst decade for hurricanes was the 1940s, long before there was any thought or theory or even mention of global warming. In addition, Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center, said in news stories and television reports that hurricanes are cyclical in nature. He said

it was wrong to invoke our alleged global warming without valid science or any hard science to back it up. Mr. Mayfield also noted the terrible hurricanes of the 1940s and the hurricane cycles.

The overly simple political science of global warming is just not accurate here, and people should not use the tragedy of these hurricanes to advance or promote political theories.

AMERICANS DESERVE REAL  
ANSWERS

(Mr. CARNAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, Americans were shocked by our government's response to Hurricane Katrina. They watched as days passed before the people of New Orleans were rescued from rooftops and attics or before those at the Superdome actually received food and water.

Americans rightly asked, if this is the way our government responds to a natural disaster it knew about days in advance, how would it respond to a surprise terrorist attack? How would it respond to an earthquake?

Americans now deserve and demand answers from an independent commission, not a partisan committee with a political agenda.

Creating this commission is not about a blame game. The purpose of this commission is not really about the past; it is about the future. It is about learning from our mistakes so that we assure that these mistakes are never repeated in this country.

The American people respected the 9/11 Commission because of its independence, and that is exactly what we need now.

## A BRAVE VICTORY

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, sometimes you just have to celebrate. Our Nation has seen remarkable challenges placed before it over the last few weeks; but our spirit is strong, our enthusiasm undaunted, and our optimism unwavering, and America's team has done it again.

From their beginnings in Boston in 1876 to their brief tenure in Milwaukee from 1953 to 1965 and now in their rightful home in Atlanta, they are the personification of the American spirit, demonstrating the glory of diligence, persistence, loyalty and unity.

Last evening the Atlanta Braves extended a record unparalleled in all of sports, capturing their 14th straight division championship. Think of the greatest accomplishments of any sports team in history and none of them compare to the length of success by these heroes of America's pastime.